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SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE PROSPECTIVE TINDEMANS COALITION PARTIES ENDORSE THE FOUR-PARTY POLICY AGREEMENT BUT FINAL APPROVAL RESTS WITH PARTY CONGRESSES THIS WEEKEND.  
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THE TENTATIVE DATE FOR NAMING OF NEW GOVERNMENT IS JUNE 1.  
THE NEWSPAPER DE STANDARD, WHICH HAS GOOD ACCESS TO  
TINDEMANS, "SPECULATES" ON THE NEW CAST OF MINISTEES.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THE POLICY PAPER OF THE PROSPECTIVE FOUR-PARTY  
TINDEMANS COALITION (REFTEL) WAS APPROVED WITH VARYING

DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM BY THE PARTY EXECUTIVES LATE MAY 24. FINAL APPROVAL MUST BE GIVEN BY PARTY CONGRESSES WHICH WILL CONVENE OVER THE COMING WEEKEND. THE FRANCOPHONE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN (PSC), THE FLEMISH REGIONALIST (VOLKSUNIE), AND THE BRUSSELS FRANCOPHONE (FDF) CONGRESSES AFE SCHEDULED TO MEET MAY 27. THE FLEMISH SOCIAL CHRISTIANS (CVP) WILL CONVENE MAY 28, THE SOCIALISTS (PSB/BSP) MAY 29.

2. ALTHOUGH THE PRESS REPORTS SOME GRUMBLING IN BOTH LINGUISTIC CAMPS, OBSERVERS BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT THE PARTY RANK-AND-FILE WILL REPUDIATE THEIR LEADERSHIP. ON THAT ASSUMPTION, ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT (CVP/PSC; PSB/BSP; VU AND FDF) WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 1,

WITH A FORMAL EXPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM TO PARLIAMENT SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY.

3. TODAY'S DUTCH-LANGUAGE DAILY DE STANDARD REPORTS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIST OF 19 MINISTERS (PRIME MINISTER, PLUS 9 FRANCOPHONES AND 9 FLEMINGS), AND 13 SECRETARIES OF STATE ( 5 FRANCOPHONES AND 8 FLEMINGS). BY PARTY, DE STANDARD HAS: CVP - PRIME MINISTER, 5 MINISTERS, 3 SECRETARIES OF STATE; BSP (FLEMISH SOCIALISTS) - 3 MINISTERS, 3 SECRETARIES OF STATE; VU - 1 MINISTER, 2 SECRETARIES OF STATE; PSB (FRANCOPHONE SOCIALISTS) - 5 MINISTERS, 2 SECRETARIES OF STATE; AND FDF - 1 MINISTER, 1 SECRETARY OF STATE.

4. WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHO GETS WHAT MINISTRY, DE STANDARD UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS THE NEW TINDEMANS CABINET WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

CVP - TINDEMANS, CHABERT, DE BACKER, GEENS, DHOORE, LAVENS, D'ALCANTARA, COENS AND EYSKENS;

BSP - CLAES, RAMAEKERS, TOBACK, CALEWAERT, TEMMERMAN, VAN ACKER;

VU - DE BRUYNE, COPPIETERS, DE FACQ

PSB - GLINNE, SPITAELS, SIMONET, HUREZ, MATHOT, PETRY, URBAIN;

PSC - VANDEN BOEYNANTS, CALIFICE, MICHEL, FRANCOIS, MAGNEE;

FDF - LAGASSE AND PERSOONS.

5. COMMENT: DE STANDARD, WHICH IS CLOSE TO TINDEMANS  
AND THE CVP, PROBABLY HAS MOST OF THE NAMES RIGHT. IF SO,  
BELGIUM'S NEXT FOREIGN MINISTER LOOKS LIKE BEING A  
SOCIALIST - HENRI SIMONET OR PROFESSOR GUY SPITAELS.  
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